

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Call to Order.** Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Minutes.**

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. August 21, 2013 regular common council meeting
2. September 6, 2013 pre-adoption budget public hearing
3. July 24, 2013 special meeting regarding the 2014 budget

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**JCAC.** Jasper Community Arts Commission member Mickey Seger attended the meeting on behalf of the Board.

**Website presentation.** Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey was present to provide the council with a sneak preview and to let the

public know the new City of Jasper website is up and running. Blazey said the City's website address [www.jasperindiana.gov](http://www.jasperindiana.gov) did not change. She then introduced Randy Lientz with Axiom Marketing who helped with the design elements. Mr. Lientz said he was available to answer questions regarding the new website. Blazey then demonstrated some of the website's features. Lents commented that 41% of those that access the internet use an iPad or iPhone and this site can be reached by those means. He also said since the site is powered by Google, parts of our website can be translated into other languages such as Spanish or German.

**Utility Service Board.** General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on September 16, 2013. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

**Ordinance No. 2013-24 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING  
ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR  
THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013**

This ordinance appropriates additional money for the year 2013 per the July budget work session. A Notice to Taxpayers appeared in the Herald on August 30, 2013. First reading was held on August 21, 2013. Mayor Seitz then asked for public comments. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to read the ordinance by title only on second reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to have the ordinance read by title only on the third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to approve Ordinance No. 2013-24 on the third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-28 AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES AND  
WAGES FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE CIVIL CITY  
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR  
2014**

This ordinance sets compensation rates for civil city employees and elected officials for 2014.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member

Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-28. Motion carried 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 2013-25 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2014**

This ordinance appropriates money for the 2014 budget. First reading was held on August 21, 2013. A public hearing was held on September 6, 2013.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to read the ordinance by title only on second reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Council Member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to have the ordinance ready by title only on the third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve Ordinance No. 2013-25 on the third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 2013-26 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**

This ordinance sets the advertised property tax rate for 2014 at .8536. First reading was held on August 21, 2013.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to read the ordinance by title only on second reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to have the ordinance read by title only on the third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to approve Ordinance No. 2013-26 on the third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-27 AN ORDINANCE FIXING A SCHEDULE OF REVISED USER FEES FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF THE STORM WATER SYSTEM BY THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

This ordinance revises the storm water user fee from \$2.00 per ERU to \$3.96 per ERU per 5,000 square feet of impervious surface effective for the billings that occur after January 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member Randy Buchta to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-27. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-29 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-28 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE UTILITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2013**

This ordinance amends the utility employee salary ordinance for 2013 to restructure certain positions.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Randy Buchta to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-29. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-30 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4(2) OF ORDINANCE NO. 546 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA—PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS**

This ordinance prohibits parking on the north side of 14<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Newton Street for a distance of 82 feet.

Council member David Prechtel said some people in the 14<sup>th</sup> and Newton Street area said there was a sight distance problem when vehicles are parked on that side of 14<sup>th</sup> Street. After the City studied that area, the Board of Public Works and Safety recommended the parking prohibition.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the ordinance also corrects some of the language where parking is prohibited on other parts of 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prectel and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-30. Motion carried 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2013-7 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION**

This resolution accepts part of Lot No. 209 in the Original Town of Jasper donated by the Ruby Fern Gramelspacher Revocable Trust. The property is located at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Main Streets.

A motion was made by Council member David Prectel and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2013-7. Motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections or clarification this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2013.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**